

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

John Roger Hiott,)
)
Plaintiff,)
) Civil Action No. 9:16-1420-BHH
v.)
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Nancy A. Berryhill,) **ORDER**
Commissioner of Social Security,)
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Defendant.)

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This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff John Roger Hiott's complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), seeking judicial review of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision, which denied Plaintiff's claim for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. The record includes the report and recommendation ("Report") of a United States Magistrate Judge, which was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a), D.S.C. In the Report, which was filed on May 1, 2017, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court affirm the Commissioner's decision denying benefits. Attached to the Report was a notice advising Plaintiff of the right to file written objections to the Report. To date, no objections have been filed.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination only of those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole

or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of specific objections, the Court reviews the matter only for clear error. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’”) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Here, because no objections were filed, the Court has reviewed the record, the applicable law, and the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge for clear error. Finding none, the Court hereby adopts the Report (ECF No. 17) and incorporates it herein. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Commissioner of Social Security’s decision denying benefits is affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Bruce Howe Hendricks
Bruce Howe Hendricks
United States District Judge

May 23, 2017
Charleston, South Carolina